

Hammond to Play Independents Here Oct. 16

ARRANGED TO DRAW DOGS HERE

Hammond Hopes to Bring New After Sunday-Evening Game Stated for Oct. 16.

By Bruce Copeland.

The Hammond team were signed in Rock Island by Manager Flanagan of the Hammond team, and Dr. A. A. Flanagan, of Hammond, Ind., for a game Sunday, Oct. 16, at Douglas park, with the newly organized Hammond professionals, who are members of the Independent Professional Association of Professional Football clubs.

Manager Flanagan of the Hammond team, who is at this early date, Flanagan believes it will bring his claim for a game with the Canton Bulldogs at Douglas park. Flanagan has not given up the hope of bringing Jim Thorpe's team to Rock Island, but believes that by winning the Hammond game, he will be able to secure a week from Sunday, the Hammond team will see the Hammond team's prospects of a game with Rock Island.

Hammond is scheduled to play Canton on Sunday, Oct. 21. The Hammond team can hardly expect to defeat the Bulldogs and the Hammond team's score of the Hammond-Independents game will be watched with great interest in Rock Island and Canton.

Respect for Islanders.

Word from Canton indicates that the Bulldogs have the hunch that only Rock Island beats their right of way toward the championship. The Bulldogs are beginning to realize the good financial results of two games with the Islanders. Manager Flanagan said today that he will not consider the season a success unless he can bring Canton to Rock Island; and that is what he has to anticipate.

Dr. Young, the guiding hand behind the Hammond team, has been working quietly for more than a year to defeat the eleven that will take the field against the Independents a week from Sunday, and all the other big pro teams during the season. He had a word to say today about several of his star performers.

Kelly is a former conference end, having started with Wisconsin in 1914. Moran, the giant center of the Hammond team, is a former St. Louis University star. Moran is six-foot-four in height and weighs 285 pounds. The latter is not a misprint, according to "Doc" Young. He says the big fellow weighs himself like a middleweight and will prove one of the individual surprises of the big league football season.

Three 1919 Heavyweights.

In Sellinger, Meyers and Cole, the Hammonds have three stellar performers of last year's eleven that handed the Independents their only defeat. Cole will be remembered as the tow-headed end who wrought so much havoc on who whenever plays were made in his direction. Sellinger, Meyers and Cole are the only local Hammond men on the club.

"Red" Kelly, a former Wisconsin player, is former Wisconsin player in 1916. He is 6 feet, 3 inches in his socks, weighs in proportion and is considered one of the best men who ever played college football. Then take C. E. Johnson, who played end on the Northwestern team in 1917. He's a good mate for Kelly. Moran tops them all with his 6 foot 4 inches of stature and 285 pounds of heft. He is only 25 years old and has a 64 inch chest. Wait till that boy gets his growth. Moran naturally plays center, but he's a light weight, having made records in track events.

All-Around Star.

Jack Groggs is another buster. He is a heavyweight wrestler, a crack athlete and a professional football star. Brunswick hall from the University of Colorado and was the star backfield man on the famous Camp Dodge team. Gillo, well known in Hammond, is the man who attracted so much attention as fullback for Colgate last year. The eastern newspapers conceded him a berth on the All-Eastern team.

Soudoulet is a University of Pittsburgh man; Talbot comes from the University of North Dakota, where he gambled in the backfield. Alpeck, a backfielder, has been in professional circles for several years, and Skinner is a Purdue product.

MUST AWAIT DRAFT PERIOD CLOSE FOR GRABBING MINORS

Cincinnati, Ohio, Sept. 20.—The national baseball commission has decided that no purchase or release of players from minor league clubs will be approved until after the close of the minor league drafting period, which expires Oct. 10, according to a notice to all major league clubs given out by Secretary John E. Bruce of the commission here today.

TONY IS FETTERED BY LONDONERS AS A REGULAR SPORT

London, Sept. 20.—A number of Londoners last night gave a Londoner of Sir Thomas Lippincott, who returned from his unsuccessful attempt in the United States to win the American cup. The Londoners were Lord Dewar, Baroness, Baron Inverforth and Lord Perth.

Husky Hathaway



HATHAWAY OF MUNCIE.

This is Hathaway, giant tackle of last year's Pine Village team, who wrought so much havoc in the scoreless tie between the Villagers and Independents at Douglas park. "Hath" is now wearing the molokins of the Muncie Flyers, who are scheduled to meet the Independents on Sunday at Douglas park. It should be a battle royal between "Cape" Buland and Hathaway throughout the game. Anyway, it will be a good match worth seeing in addition to all the other thrills of the game.

Eddie Collins Premier of All Second Sackers

By IRWIN M. HOWE (Baseball Statistician.)

(SECOND BASEMEN.) "Figures never lie," as they say, and in the case of the prospective world's series second basemen this saying is eminently correct. Viz:

Batting 1926.	G.	A.B.	R.	H.	TB.
Kilduff	184	454	60	128	162
Wambagans	184	499	68	139	155
E. Collins	140	548	102	201	246

Fielding 1926.	Errors	Assists	Putouts
Kilduff	23	8	32
Wambagans	15	10	32
E. Collins	34	11	32

Chances per game.
G. P. O. A. E. Pct.
Kilduff 135 302 433 25 5.44
Wambagans 134 353 434 33 5.95
E. Collins 133 376 405 18 5.87

The figures say that Eddie Collins of the White Sox is preeminently the best keystone guardian of the three that will furnish the contenders in the approaching game. Likewise he is the best that has ever covered that post. Also as a player capable of great deeds where titles, money and "rich" are at stake, "Cocky" has never had any real competitors. The one amusing claim made for Cincinnati last fall after the Reds had won the world title was that a rough neck member had gotten Eddie's "coat."

Eddie is leading Kilduff of Brooklyn by almost 90 points at bat and has a bulge on 120 over Bill Wambagans, Cleveland second sacker. Eddie must yield an infinitesimal margin to Wambagans if it comes to chances per game, having averaged a fraction of 5.87 as against 5.95 for the Indian, but what Collins loses in this respect he more than gains by his fielding average which is marred by a trifling error. Wambagans' average of tasks per game is noticeably below that of either of his prospective rivals, although above the average for his position.

Eddie Best Stealer.
The tables show that Collins has swiped 29 bases, or ten times as many as Kilduff and more than twice as many as Wambagans to his credit. Wambagans, however, leads Eddie in sacrifice hits by 23 to 29, and again Kilduff brings up the rear with 23. That Collins is an adept at the bunting game is admitted by all concerned and the fact that of 358, made up of 35 doubles, 11 triples and three homers, led him to be called on to smash the pill instead of gently rolling it along the base line.

Collins, on his record throughout his big league career, is rated as one of the greatest second basemen in the history of the game and 1926 is one of the very best years he has ever had. He stands out above Kilduff and Wambagans like Jack Dempsey over a school boy, outclassing both men by an immeasurable margin.

ACT TO TOWN ALLEGED PLANS TO FIX ROBINS

Brooklyn Official Camp on Rumors That Independent Cleveland Has Been Hatched to Win Series.

New York, Sept. 20.—(United Press.)—Investigation of rumors that gamblers would make an attempt to "fix" the Brooklyn National league club so the world series would be won by the Cleveland league team continued here today under the direction of District Attorney Harry E. Lewis of Kings county.

Players on Grill.
The entire Brooklyn club was scheduled to appear before Lewis tomorrow for questioning in connection with the alleged plot. Lewis asked if the reported opposition of Manager Wilbert Robinson to having his players questioned before the world series, because of the effect it might have on their morale, said:

"I believe it is a public duty to clean up the investigation of these rumors before the series starts, in order to remove any suspicion of crookedness."

Vindicates His Men.
"I want it fully understood that so far as I know, there is not a breath of suspicion against any member of the Brooklyn team. What we want to find out is whether any of them have been approached by gamblers. It's the gamblers we are after."

BOXING ON TAB FOR DAVENPORT IN BURTIS RING

Boxing will be revived in Davenport tonight at the Burtis arena, with an attractive card arranged by Matchmaker Pat Dietz, under the auspices of the Davenport American Legion. Indications are that Rock Island fans will have their fill of thrills by crossing the river and helping to repay Davenport fans for their support of Rock Island boxing shows.

Bobby Ward, the fast-stepping St. Paul lightweight, has been matched to meet Carl Leonard in the main go. Leonard was to have met Johnny Noye, whose knockout by Pinkie Mitchell in Peoria Tuesday night precluded his appearance in the Davenport fall and winter premiere. Ward was found available and the little battler said this morning he knows he can stop Leonard in jig time.

Frank Shoerbrook of Rock Island, who disposed of Bud McFadden of St. Louis, last week in the Illinois theatre, is scheduled to meet Jack Duffy of Davenport, in the semi-windup. Frankie is sure he can stop the Davenporter. This bout should attract a goodly number of Rock Island fans, with whom Shoerbrook has become a great favorite.

Young Powell of Rock Island will meet Young Potter of Davenport in the second prelim. The curtain-raiser will be four rounds between Elmer Kelly and Zeke Burda, both of Davenport. Kelly is the youth who has given good accounts of himself in Rock Island against Emmett Sheehan, Young Powell and others. Pat Dietz will referee all the bouts.

Eddie Huse's stock is rising daily. Those who have seen the great water star working out in his Illinois headquarters, are positive that Eddie will be able to at least hold his own with Tommy Comiskey of St. Paul, when they meet at "Fat" Smith's show at the Illinois, next Thursday night.

Word from Comiskey today stated that he expects to stop Huse and then demand a return bout with Jimmy Nuss in order to prove that the heat and not Nuss was accountable for the weakness he displayed in their last meeting under the late "Babe" Meador's regime at the old Empire.

Promoters Smith and Quinn are chuckling over their semi-wind, which will offer Young Schmidt of Rockford and Frank Shoerbrook of Rock Island. Schmidt is the welter who stopped Bud McFadden in Rockford on Labor day and who is slated to give Shoerbrook the battle of his early career.

Emmett Sheehan, the hardest hitting feather in the tri-cities, is back home in Rock Island after an extended tour of the northwest in which he met and defeated several of the best available feathers in that section.

Sheehan will continue to fight under the management of Roy Mansfield, who said today that he is trying to arrange between Emmett and Tony Caponi.

BELOIT FAN TOO HONEST TO KEEP \$10 WON ON FRAME
Beloit, Wis., Sept. 20.—W. W. Chesbrough, who won on the world's series last year, "I can't keep year money after the revelations concerning the game," Mr. Chesbrough wrote.

The Sportscope

By Bruce Copeland.

A Sporting Sermon

LAST week, Uncle Sam stepped out of the political side-show to watch the gallant Chicago White Sox shake off their doldrums of defeat and club their way to within half a game of the pace-setting Indians. It was a race worthy of the sport of kings, America forgot all else to speculate on the outcome of what would have been the greatest finish in baseball history.

Fortune seemed to favor the Sox. Always known to display their best form with their backs to the wall, the Alabaster Hose quickened old fires in the hearts of their fans, who had all but lost hope, by threatening to pass the Indians almost under the wire. Dogged determination and unyielding courage have always been attributes of the team of Comiskey, the venerable Roman. They were never known to apply the brakes. When they swung at the ball it was pop-pop-pop. They could turn almost any tide with their bats; outwit almost any opponents with their superlative baseball mentality. They could win!

Today, memories of last week are as the scent that clings to the shattered vase. The truest hearts share and share alike the pangs of misfortune in fair play. It is a noble sight to see one's colors fall in the thickest of the fight, knowing one's champions conquered even in defeat by contributing gloriously to the triumph of their conquerors.

Today, laugh! Broken idols lie in the dust with crushed hearts as ghastly reminders of outraged confidence; sickening proof that love of baseball has been used as a pawn by the "sure-thing" swine to make criminals of some of the greatest baseball players who ever wore the diamond.

Why? Thirty pieces of silver—again!

THE SMART AND THE DUMB.
BASEBALL, like all other professions in the spotlight of public favor, produces three kinds of performers—the smart, the smart and dumb, and the dumb.

Some baseball players are smart all the time, some smart one time and dumb another, and some just dumb all the time. The Chicago White Sox have always been considered the smartest ball club of all time. This would seem likely. It takes a smart ball club to be still in the running during the last week of the season. That is when the dumb teams are trailing somewhere behind the dust.

A lily may rise from the mire. So might a weed. The chances are that in an acre of mire, there would be only one lily to a million weeds. It is smart of the lily to grow in the mire; smart, also, of the weed. Therefore, the lily is both smart and dumb; smart because it can rise from the mire, but dumb because it does not stop to think that a million weeds can do the same thing.

Now we have the smart baseball player, who, also, is dumb. He is so smart in baseball experience that he does not have to stop to think on the diamond before his faculties produce the desired effect. But off the diamond, he does not care to stop to think that a million others are not stopping to think and getting nowhere.

THE GAMBLERS OF GETHSEMANE.
It is true that the eight Chicago White Sox named in the Cook county indictment only stand accused of "conspiracy to commit an illegal act." Some might even be proved not guilty and be vindicated in the eyes of the law. But clear apocryphal will not be convinced so easily. The stain even the slightest suggestion of dishonesty in sport is almost indestructible. It will take years to eradicate; perhaps never. The sporting world does not fancy waiting years for a disgraceful performer to redeem himself. Fresh young blood, surcharged with clean, honest ambitions, makes the world of sport forget its troubles and look hopefully toward the future.

Accepting heavy bribes to "throw" a baseball game in a world's series is not the gravest charge against some of the smartest baseball talent that honest money could buy. The charge of betraying thousands of faithful fans is by far the more serious. Nothing short of murder is more criminal than betraying confidence.

Judas listened to the clink of those "thirty pieces of silver." With them he might pay off the mortgage on his farm, just like Eddie Cicotte said HE did. In those days the Romans were the world's most powerful "sure-thing" guys. They had retrograded so far that they would rather atash by corruption that which their fathers had fought for on even terms.

The Roman gamblers studied Judas carefully to ascertain his weakness. They wished to discern whether he could be "approached." They learned that Judas was a smart man. They discovered that he was avaricious and that he loved money better than his soul. He could be "fixed."

Judas was smart enough to put a heavy price upon his soul. He struck a shrewd bargain. He was brainy. He gloated over the fact that he could make some "easy" money. He was out to GET money, not to EARN it. But Judas was dumb. He didn't stop to think. That is the first symptom of dumbness.

The gamblers paid Judas the "thirty pieces of silver," but Judas did not stop to think that he would betray the world. He went into disrepute. Nary a banliee did he buy with those "thirty pieces of silver." No; he cast them from him in self-hatred and took his own miserable life to silence the thunders of conscience.

THE ROCK OF AGES.
JUDAS perished because he was too smart to know that he was dumb. He plunged into oblivion with scarcely a ripple to disturb the tranquility of the world. It is true that Judas' name has survived the centuries, because the evil a man does lives after him. He had not thought of that.

Judas accepted "thirty pieces of silver" to "throw" the world, but he did not stop to think of the utter hopelessness of his bargain. Judas could not "throw" the world. Even then, the world was too big to "throw." Judas might have gone the full route if he had not been corrupted in his prime by "thirty pieces of silver." By "fixing," he "fixed" himself.

No; the world thrives on. Civilization extended over all the earth. Page by page, mankind solved the problems of life to greater edification. Still, the wolves of perversity—the swine of shame—are snapping at each other's throats for ill-gotten gains.

Cicotte, Jackson and Williams sold out to the "sure-thing" vultures. They received "thirty pieces of silver." Like Judas, they were smart enough to put a price on their souls. They struck a shrewd bargain. They were brainy. They gloated over the fact that they could make "easy" money. They were out to GET money, not to EARN it.

They did not stop to think that they would betray thousands of faithful fans. They were too dumb to know that the betrayer only "throws" himself. Judas could not halt Christianity. Neither can the guilty White Sox halt baseball. The game is destined to keep apace with the world.

AUGIE FOOTBALL TEAM TOYS WITH MOLINE HI GANG
Hilltop Men Push Kids Aside At Will, Winning By 45-0.

Augie's gridiron crew took its first fling yesterday afternoon in a practice game with Moline high school, which resulted in a score of 45-0 in favor of the college men. The Moline team afforded Augie very little opposition; in fact, holding them for downs only once. Ford, Moline halfback, showed up best on the high school team.

Weak on Forward Pass.
Svedburg men tried out several new plays with considerable success, their only weakness being in plays involving a forward pass. Augie's backfield showed up well, tearing big holes in the high school line almost at will. All the backfield men are fast and tricky runners, making them hard to grab. Roger Peterson, fullback, placed a drop-kick neatly between the posts on a rushed play. It was a short kick, but was good, as he had to step lively to avoid the Moline line-men.

MAKESHIFT SOX STICK DOGGEDLY TO PENNANT PATH BUT MUST WIN BROWN SERIES TO CATCH SPOKES

Chicago, Sept. 20.—With little more than a fighting chance to the American league pennant, the Chicago White Sox, crippled through the loss of seven stars as a result of the baseball scandal investigation, left today for St. Louis to open the final 2-game series of the season tomorrow with the St. Louis Browns.

The players were determined to fight to the end and were not backward in expressing their belief that they would take the series from the Browns.

ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE CHANCE.
Today the two leading teams are a game and a half apart. If the Sox gain three victories over St. Louis, Cleveland could lose one to Detroit and still win the pennant, lose two and tie Chicago for the championship, and must lose three for Chicago to finish ahead.

In case of a tie, a 3-game series already has been arranged by the national commission to decide the pennant winner, one at Cleveland, one in Chicago, and one on neutral grounds.

REMNANTS OF GRAND TEAM.
In this final drive for the pennant, Manager "Kid" Gleason expects to pitch Kerr in the first game, Faber in the second and then come back with Kerr in the third. The line-up probably will be: Jourdan, 1b; E. Collins, 2b; McClellan, 3b; Murphy, 3b; J. Collins, lf; Laibold, cf; Strunk, rf; Schalk, c; Kerr, p; Faber, p.

INDIANS, 10; BROWNS, 2.
St. Louis, Sept. 20.—Cleveland pounded out its fourth straight victory, 10 to 2, for a clean sweep of the series over the Browns here yesterday. The Indians now are one game and a half to the fore of the White Sox, who open a three-game series here tomorrow.

Stanley Coveleskie pitched very effectively for the victors, allowing eight hits, four in the last two innings. Sewell's error let in the first Browns run in the third. Two hits with Gardner's error and a sacrifice gave the locals another in the ninth.

Wellman, who started for the Browns, was relieved by Van Gilder in the eighth when a pinch hitter batted. Carl gave 11 hits for nine runs and Van one hit and one run.

The game was played in cold weather and only a few fans showed in the stands.

Score by innings:
Cleveland 031 030 031—10
St. Louis 001 000 001—2
Batteries: Coveleskie and O'Neill; Wellman, Van Gilder and Severid.

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Philadelphia, Sept. 20.—Six home runs featured New York's double victory over Philadelphia yesterday by scores of 7 to 3 and 9 to 4. The second game went 11 innings. Hasty weakening after shutting out New York for nine innings. It relieved Naylor after Lewis' home run into the left field bleachers came with two on bases in the first inning. C. Walker had one home run in each game. Ruth's 54th home run of the season came in the ninth inning of the first game with Ward on base. It was a drive over the right field wall.

Score by innings:
First game—
New York 010 013 002—7
Philadelphia 110 000 010—3
Batteries: Collins and Hannah; Harris, Keefe and Perkins.

Second game—
New York 400 000 000 08—9
Philadelphia 210 010 000 00—4
Batteries: Shawkey and Hoffman; Naylor, Hasty and Walker.

PHILS, 0-5; BRAVES, 1-1.
Boston, Sept. 20.—The Braves and Phils divided a double header yesterday, the home team winning the fastest double header of the season, 5 to 1. It was the fastest double header of the season, the first game being played in one hour and five minutes.

Score by innings:
First game—
Boston 000 010 000—1
Philadelphia 000 000 000—0
Batteries: Oeschger and O'Neill; Smith and Withrow.

Second game—
Philadelphia 000 101 102—5
Boston 000 100 000—1
Batteries: Meadows and Wheat; Fillingim and Gowdy.

LEADS N. W. GRIDDEERS.
Chicago, Sept. 20.—Graham Penfield, Jr., was elected captain of the Northwestern university football team.

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